

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ, ಅದಕ್ಕೇನೂ ಬಹಳ ವರ್ಷಗಳು ಬೇಕಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಮೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯವನ್ನು ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಅನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗವಾನದಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯ ಏನು ಎಂದರೆ ಇದು ಕಾಡುಬೆಟ್ಟಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶ, ನಣ್ಣು ನಣ್ಣು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿರತಕ್ಕಂಥಾ ಪ್ರದೇಶ, 3—3 ಸಾವಿರ ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕಂಥಾ ಪ್ರೇಶವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅದಕ್ಕನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಮೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳು ಇರಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದರಿಂದ ಈ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಯಾವರಿತ್ತಿಯಾದ ಅನುಕ್ರಮ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಅನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಒಂದು ಮೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯವನ್ನು ತತ್ಕ್ಷಣದಲ್ಲೇ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ತಾರೇಗೌಡ.—ಈ ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಲಸ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ನಂಬಿಕೊಳ್ಳೋಣವೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ಆಗಲಿ, ಆಗತಕ್ಕವಾಗಿ ಆಗಲಿ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ತಾರೇಗೌಡ.—ಜೂನ್ ತಿಂಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಮಂಜೂರು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಚನ್ನಬಸಪ್ಪ.—ನಾನು ಮೊದಲೇ ಹೇಳಿದನೆಲ್ಲಾ ತತ್ಕ್ಷಣದಲ್ಲೇ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದು.

Bonus to workers of Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd.

253 SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi). (Partly Answered and Held over on 22nd May 1977) Will the Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs be pleased to state:—

(a) the net profit earned by Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd., during the years 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76;

(b) whether the Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd., has paid bonus to the workers for the years 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1975-76;

(c) if so the percentage of bonus paid during these years?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs).—

(a) The net profit earned by Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd. during the years 1973-74, 1974-75 and 1975-76 is furnished below.—

	Rs. in lakhs
1973-74	... 200.36
1974-75	... 307.60
1975-76	... 165.38

(b) Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd., had paid bonus to its workers for the years 1973-74 and 1974-75. In respect of the year 1975-76, no bonus has been paid in view of the amendment to the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 and as there was no allocable surplus.

(c)— Year	Percentage of bonus paid
1973-74	... 8 1/3 per cent
1974-75	... 8 1/3 per cent
1975-76	... Nil

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.— In your answer you have stated that the net profit earned was 1973-74 Rs. 200.36 lakhs, 1974-75 Rs. 307.60 lakhs and 1975-76 Rs. 165.38 lakhs, what will be the allocable surplus; does it amount to net profit, or gross profit?

† **SRI S. M. KRISHNA.**— Madam, the Payment of Bonus Act 1965 was effective from the accounting year 1964-65, according to which the minimum bonus paid was 8 1/3 percent. On 25th September 1975 this Bonus was amended by an ordinance and according to this the prescribed minimum is equal to 4 percent of the salaries or wages whichever was higher. According to this in 1975-76, the allocable surplus will have to be determined taking into consideration the available surplus in respect of accounting year which shall be computed by deduction. The prior charges include the direct taxation, return of capital etc., So, under the Payment of Bonus Act, the allocable surplus is not the after deducting all the prior charges, as a result of which we were not able to pay the bonus.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.— For the dead stock you have paid the interest of Rs. 2 crores and here, I believe 165 lakhs of rupees profit is there. This cannot be carried over, Last year you made 3 crores. Even in the previous year there was surplus and this year there is Rs. 155 lakhs. This amount should be presumed as allocable surplus and bonus will have to be paid.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— I am bound by the Act. I cannot go on presumption. As the accounts of the Company stand today, there is no allocable surplus, as a result of which the bonus cannot be paid. None the less, the Government of India directed us there is a committee consisting of representatives of various Employees Association of the country representing various Steel Units. They are negotiating with the Steel Authority and they are again meeting on 30th of this month to decide what is the quantum of bonus to be paid. Once the decision is taken, that decision becomes applicable to Veeshwariah Steel Company also.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.— You were pleased to sanction bonus for the year 1965, and a bonus of Rs. 75 was drawn by some people and some people have not drawn. Therefore, what warranted you to declare bonus?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— The Government has always been very considerate to the workers. As a result of that, while negotiation is going on between the Associations and the Steel Authorities in Delhi, we thought it better to make certain ad-hoc payments. As a result of which we have made certain ad-hoc payments.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.— You are pleased to say that the Act says that the bonus should be minimum of 8 1/3 percent. That is not correct. The Act says it is only 4 percent. 8 1/3 percent came on account of Kadilkar Formula Committee. Apart from it you are aware that this particular amendment which have brought in will not give any allocable surplus. That is the criticism of Trade Union. It is an abnoxious amendment. The Employees Association have intervened and stated that it should be on the basis of production or productivity of the steel industry. As you have rightly pointed out they have arrived at some understanding regarding the bonus on the basis productivity. May I request to consider the performance of this particular industry here? That is Viswesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd., where it is very nearly 2 crores. Previously it was 2 crores, now it is 1.65 crores nearing to 2 crores. why can't you pay them the bonus as was paid in 1973-74?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— Madam, I entirely agree with the broad proposition of the hon. Member enunciating that the bonus will have to connected and co-ordinated to the productivity and calls on certain amendment as abnoxious. well, I think it is better if all of us await the decision that have to be taken on the issue of bonus by the New Government at the centre.

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN.— Why can't you consider the bonus on the basis of performance of Iron and Steel industry because it is nearly 2 Crores.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— The Joint Co-ordination Committee is meeting in New Delhi. I am sure that they are going to take into consideration all these factors and when certain decision and agreement is reached then we can implement that agreement here also.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR — You have not cleared my point; You have declared the bonus on the 14th of last month. That agreement is there. Some people have drawn their bonus, and some people have not drawn, You are misleading the House.

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— I am not misleading the house much less the hon. Member. Because he can never be misled. what was decided was that the ad-hoc payment is going to be made. It is not a bonus.

SRI ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—Was it not the bonus declared last time? What warranted you to pay adhoc payment for the year 1975-76. I request the concerned Director to declare bonus for the year 1975-76 for which accounts are over. Under the Act immediately after the completion of the accounts you must declare bonus. Will you pay 8 1/3 percent bonus as against Rs. 75 for the year 1975-76,

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— I do not know what was the request that the hon. Member made to the Chief Minister and what his reply was. All that I know is that while negotiations are going on in Delhi we thought that it will be in the interest of the workers to pay certain interim relief and that was announced two months ago.

SRI. M. S. KRISHNAN — May I know whether the said advance is towards bonus or any other advance ?

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.—Is it an advance towards bonus or some thing else ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— While negotiations are going on in Delhi we thought it some payment can be made to the workers because we value the welfare of the workers.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.— Whether it is advance toward bonus ?

SRI M. S. KRISHNAN—Are you going to adjust that amount while paying the bonus ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.—Ultimately it does not make any difference, whether you call it as bonus or otherwise. It is binding on all steel units.

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.— If this advance is considered as part of the wages ; how can it be possible to get it adjusted ?

SRI S. M. KRISHNA.— For the information of the hon. Members I would like to quote the contents of the memo :

“ In pursuance of the decision of the board to pay as an ad-hoc amount based on the guide lines placed before NJSC for discussion.

“ The main issue was to sanction the amount on the basis of the slab system. The bonus amount payable as per the scheme are as noted below :

Upto Rs. 500	...	Rs. 75
500—749	...	Rs. 82
750 and above	—	Rs. 108

SRI KAGODU THIMMAPPA.— You are playing tactics so far as this matter is concerned. why can't you come out with the truth and say it is towards the bonus. ಬೋನಸ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೇವೆ ಎಂದು ಬಾಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏಕೆ ಹೇಳಬಾರದು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರು ಕಳೆದ ೪-೫ ತಿಂಗಳಿಂದ ಅಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಸರ್ಕಾರವನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಾಯ ಪಡಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೂ, ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಡೆಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಎಸ್.ಜೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ವೀಟಿಂಗ್‌ನಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ ಯಾವ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಕ್ಕೂ ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಮಿಕ್ಕ ಉಕ್ಕಿನ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಜಟಿಲವಾಗಿದೆ, ಆದುದರಿಂದ ಬೋನಸ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಈ ಒಂದು ಅಡ್ಡಹಾಕು ಪೇವೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಅನೌನ್ಸ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.